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.... The 93rd meeting of the CIA RETIREMENT BOARD convened at 1:35 p.m. on Thursday, 18 July 1968, with the following present:

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25X1A9a Shall we look at the Minutes of the 92nd Meeting?

25X1A9a : Paragraph 10, page 3 of the Minutes. I

didn't get the idea that we were actually going to ask to 25X1A9a

25X1A9a And actually what I'm doing is getting a statement from Jim describing in greater detail some of their activities -- which I think will answer the purpose here. But I don't

remember this as the way we had left it--

whether it would be written or oral.

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We all heard it differently, including the 25X1A9a
Recording Secretary. I understood you to say you were going to talk to
and get a statement from him -- I don't think it was defined

In any event, I don't think this is what was contemplated. And I have such a statement in preparation now but it's not ready for today's meeting, so we will have to scratch the from the agenda for today.

25X1A9a Are there any reasons why it would be desirable for John to come before the Board?

We could ask him questions.

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I think, though, you would want to first see

the statement and see if that doesn't provide the necessary information.

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25X1A9a 25X1A9a Although we never quite got to it, I'm not wouldn't qualify even under (11)(c) by the nature of his sure that I would guess the statement would probably be adequate. duties. 25X1A9a Okay. If there are no changes or additions 25X1A9a to the Minutes, we will accept them as presented and go on to the first agenda item, which is the case of Mr who meets the basic criteria for designation and has completed more than 15 years of Agency service. I move we offer him an election. 25X1A9a Second. This motion was then passed 25X1A9a 25X1A9a The case of shortly - within six months - complete 15 years of Agency service, which entitles him to a vesting--25X1A9a I move we offer him an election when the 15 years have been completed. 25X1A9a Second. This motion was then passed 25X1A9a Item C is who is applying 25X1A9a He is 53, and he has performed more than 60 for voluntary retirement. months of qualifying service, more than 20 years of Federal service, and more than 15 years of Agency service. 25X1A9a One thought on this which I might mention to the Board to refresh your memory. I was checking the contract employment, and if I understand correctly, you said 16 years -- which I guess comes out right -- but he will not be covered for six months of that contract employment. In other words, for that period from January 1, 1955, on, he is not covered, but he is covered for the two and a half years before that.

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25X1A9a Yes. 25X1A9a It's contract employment where he is covered under Social Security. Prior to January 1, 1955 is covered -- any subsequent contract employment prior to entry on, is not covered. So you have excluded that six months? 25X1A9a Yes. Other than that, I would certainly recommend that he be allowed to voluntarily retire. 25X1A9a Second. This motion was then passed 25X1A9a Now we go on to some unusual cases. We're 25X1A9a going to skip the case today. We will table that until the next meeting. 25X1A9a We come to This individual is age 59, has 16 years of Agency service, 26 years of Federal service, and 53 months and nine days of qualifying service -- is deficient by some six months and 21 days. If I can help -- I'm very familiar with this case. 25X1A9a I'm a little bit puzzled at the remark under paragraph 8 on the check list. It says: Subject has vested right to elect to remain in the System. 25X1A9a He was in the System, and on the basis that he had more than 15 years of Agency service--Once in the System, he would acquire a vested 25X1A9a right. 25X1A9a was in the System. We brought him in after some deliberation because he had a year and a half to go, and he only needed six months -- so he could have gotten it -- and therefore we brought him in. When the 15 years rolled around he had not had the additional

service, so we put him out of the System. He therefore was entitled to opt now for age 62 retirement. And what he is saying here is: I'll get out at 59 and a half if you can see at least six months of my service as being qualifying, really, under (ll)(c). As explained in the memo here, George has been in charge of a COMINT effort and has been heavily involved in cryptanalysis and traffic analysis, and truly the type of effort that seems to me falls very well within this idea that he definitely can't talk about it and there is certainly no comparable activity on the outside.

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Is he still involved in this work?

Yes. Also significant, I believe, is

Mr statement that he would welcome the retirement of Mr. 25X1A9a to unblock this key GS-15 position, to which he would like to move some younger, high potential officer.

Also, Emmett, I made a little note here for myself that when we previously considered this case you had written him a letter -- I refer to paragraph 3 of your letter of 6 October 1966:

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be removed from the System, such action could adversely affect his entitlements under the System and would therefore require that Mr. be notified, through the Head of his Career Service, of the Board's tentative conclusion and of his right to submit any pertinent information to the Board in accordance with the provisions of paragraph c.(3) of

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Again, this was when we were all feeling our way here, and my thought was that today we would probably urge immediate consideration of possible domestic qualifying service before we put him out and then, kind of foolishly, later on bring him back in on the basis of something he already had. It would seem to me that now when we're ready to put somebody out because he's shy five or six months, now we would say - "Well, let's take a look at his domestic service" - and probably save a couple of exercises.

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I feel this fellow is qualified and I would like

to move his admittance.

Second. 25X1A9a May I discourse? On what premise, Paul? On the (11)(c) premise or on the premise that he has, in fact, or is performing domestic qualifying duty? 25X1A9a Well, looking at his record as a whole, that it just makes good sense -- and taking into account, also, management's objectives in this case for taking steps to renew the service. 25X1A9a We discuss around the table - is it (11)(c), is it qualifying, and so on -- but when we finally go to press on it, we usually say - taking the thing as a whole. The record will show what we considered. But we have sort of stayed away from citing anything specific. 25X1A9a The point I was trying to make is that if Paul was saying, in effect, that performance of his COMINT duties constitutes domestic qualifying service, then we might have a whole bunch of people--25X1A9a I say that is one thing we have to toss in the To me, to feel some of these things -- sometimes I feel good about balance. a case, sometimes I feel bad--25X1A9a Just again for the record here, my thought here is it is more clearly (11)(c) -- at the time of retirement, looking at it retrospectively - yes, this man would be disadvantaged to the extent of this But yes, you need all the rest of it. And six months is not very work. much--25X1A9a That was the basis for my seconding the motion. 25X1A9a Emmett, is there an error here? Inotice your memo of October, 1966, refers to as a GS-12. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a Yes, that was a mistake. He has been a GS-15 for a good many years. There is no question but what he will retire? 25X1A9a He will retire -- and two and a half years

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earlier than he might otherwise.

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I'd like to say that in submitting this upward

for approval I would like to state that this recommendation of the Board is based in part upon his stated intention to retire at age 59 and a half in December of 1968.

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Instead of at age 62.

To facilitate a retirement sought by management.

Okay. Any further discussion on the motion?

(No response.)

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The next case is that of

who has 45 months and one day of qualifying service.

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I have kind of a complicated question -- and

Murray was out of the office, so I couldn't straighten it out with him. I would like to just clarify the timing. This man claims in his write-up that

leads to the six years, 28 months in EUR - overseas, but you (indicating 25X1A9a

say 25 months, 13 days. Much more significantly, he claims
12 and a half months in the period '60 through '61 there -- and you say two
months and 18 days. There is a big discrepancy here. And if he was right,
then he truly is about home on this thing. You say from December 1960
to February 23, 1961, two months and 18 days -- and he says 12 and a half
months.

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It's on page 5 of Attachment A -- April

1960 to June 1961 -- he was assigned to a location outside the continental limits of the United States. That location was--

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Okay.

I just wondered.

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still came through pretty clearly to me. 25X1A9a Is he merely seeking a vested interest this time, or is he seeking to retire--That doesn't come through clearly. It just 25X1A9a says he wants in the System -- and this may be do or die for him. He isn't committing himself to actually retiring. 25X1A9a Why shouldn't we check on that aspect? We haven't gone very far in admitting domestic service except in a case where a man was on the point of retiring. And this would be a new departure. 25X1A9a It would be -- but we're coming closer here to hazardous duty--25X1A9a case, he didn't retire, did he? He elected not to come into the System. 25X1A9a But in that case we were seeking for domestic duty as equating foreign duty, without reference to a pending immediate retirement. some-25X1A6a Was that that fellow out in 25X1A9a place? He was a security man who was put up by the Office of Security as exemplifying a certain group of individuals in the entire Security structure whom the Office of Security felt could be granted And we went over those cases very carefully and concluded qualifying duty. that certain types of actions and certain types of activities on the part of these people within this special group, we would give them qualifying duty for -- but not all of it - for instance, the escorting of defectors --But this man has quite a bit--25X1A9a 25X1A9a That was the experience I used -- our experience with the case. I don't think of this as (11)(c).

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I don't either. Not at all. 25X1A9a Let's say you went to the man and he said: No, I don't plan to retire, but this may well be my last tour and therefore it's pretty critical that I have a decision from you whether I need these two I think there is sufficient justification here to make a more months or not. ruling on his service. Going through the same process as Mike 25X1A9a described, I made the judgment that he did indeed have the necessary qualifying time based on similarity to past cases with some of this activity we thought was qualifying. And without reference to retirement. 25X1A9a I don't even think there is a great difference between our judgment here not many weeks ago of being sufficiently 25X1A6a -- even if it's difficult and hazardous, 25X1A6a not outside the continental limits -- it's really unusual type of duty. 25X1A 25X1A9a Oh very definitely. I certainly would be willing to make a recommendation that we find 13 months--Oh no -- he will do two more months after the 45 15 months, isn't it? before his tour is over. So it's 47 months -- therefore we need only 13 months out of all his service --13 months and 12 days, I found. 25X1A9a Anyway, the motion would be that we do find the necessary 13 months, based on his entire record of hazardous duty. His tour is not over until September -- so he will get that in. 25X1A9a This is a very important decision to him and we can't afford to make any mistakes. 25X1A9a He is apparently willing to accept it if we found only 11 months.

I wonder if we couldn't avoid pinning it down

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to the months and days, just in case there is an error here or he comes back two months sooner than he thinks he will.

25X1A9a I guess we have two questions -- one, what he is advised, and the other one is what the Board says about his qualifying service.

Is it conceivable we could say: The Board has reviewed his past service, including his present tour, and unanimously agrees that upon completion of his tour he meets the requirement of 60 months of qualifying service. That begs the question. It doesn't add up the figures,

but leaves it loose.

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I'm afraid we could sit here all day and quibble about each 13 and 14 day period.

But we all did our homework -- and Mike and I came up with 13 months--

25X1A9a Well, I think that would be a little dangerous,

Mr. Chairman, because if something happened to him tomorrow somebody might say - "Well, he was to stay on until September, at which time the Board found he would have completed it."

I think we ought to pass on it right now.

25X1A9a

September.

Right.

Otherwise it might create some problems.

Either find him qualified or not qualified, and on his entire record.

You don't want to say - based on completion of his tour?

L: Yes, we know he is going to stay on until

25X1A9a Now it's pushing a little bit. I'd like to

say "upon completion of his tour" and not pin it down.

25X1A9a Except, suppose he got run over tomorrow -he would not be in the System. Now maybe that is the completion of his tour,
if he dies. But that could raise some question in the minds of some people.

I think we ought to find for, or find "no", right now.

When is he due back? 25X1A9a His 18 months will be up in August but he says he's not going to be back until September. 18 February -- 18 months. 25X1A9a If he has taken home leave in the middle of it, that is added on to his tour. I guess what we are saying, we have already 25X1A9a given him credit for 47 months -- if we take off the 10 months from this 12 and a half months, we are saying of the 23 other months he has outlined here, we are going to give him 13 to 15 months -- that is about what it amounts 25X1A9a to. I think we have to find anywhere from 13 25X1A9a to 15 months -- because I take it that has already found 45 months 25X1A and one day That is right. 25X1A9a So we know he has 45 months. Now we have to find fifteen --25X1A9a But if you strike the 10 months difference of opinion between his 12 and a half months and the two months and 18 days that they gave, then he is down to about 23 other months of service which he is putting up as qualifying, and out of that we have to find 13 to 15 months as qualifying service -- 13 months if he stays on until September, which he says he will -- and that I found very easy to do. 25X1A9a I went back and reviewed the 25X1A9a and the comments we made on that case, and I used that as guidance for this And I took each one of the paragraphs that he has outlined here, and case. I must have found 15 or 20 that I didn't allow for -- well, I didn't 'not allow' for them, except to say I needed more information here. But the ones that 25X1A9a I felt fell within the case, I found a little over 13 months. So if you add

that to the 45 you would get 58 months and some days -- and I felt that

certainly on one of the 15 or 18 that I refused to accept without additional information, I daresay he could come in here and explain a little further and we would have found the additional month and a half.

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Again, Mike, the 17 months is from February 1967 to 18 July -- and he is going to stay until September -- so you've got another two months there.

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So that even strengthens the case.

When these people in Vietnam come

back -- they come back twice in the course of a tour for a month's leave -- does that count toward their overseas--

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Yes.

We don't give them the travel time -- and

that is one of his problems here. I notice there is even a two months difference

25X1A9a on his tour in Europe -- he said he was there 28 months, and you (indicating say 25 months and 13 days -- was it departure to arrival in

his case?

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I'm not sure now--

I think based upon the entire record I

could find this man's duty to be qualifying.

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That, to me, is the safest thing to do, without getting down to the days, weeks, and months. We have lots of evidence here that he was an eager beaver in volunteering for overseas assignments, has in fact gone overseas, and is now overseas.

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Say: as of this date we find sufficient

qualifying service to allow him to be a participant.

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And at the same time, without exposing

ourselves to opening up a precedent for the other security cases.

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Well, I think we will probably be getting them,

too.

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Well, are we ready for a vote? or a resolution?

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Mike, I think you actually made one.

I'll make that in the form of a motion

that based on the entire record-
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-- of the individual's career, we find him

to have performed 60 or more months of qualifying service.

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Second.

This motion was then passed . . .

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Next case - I didn't

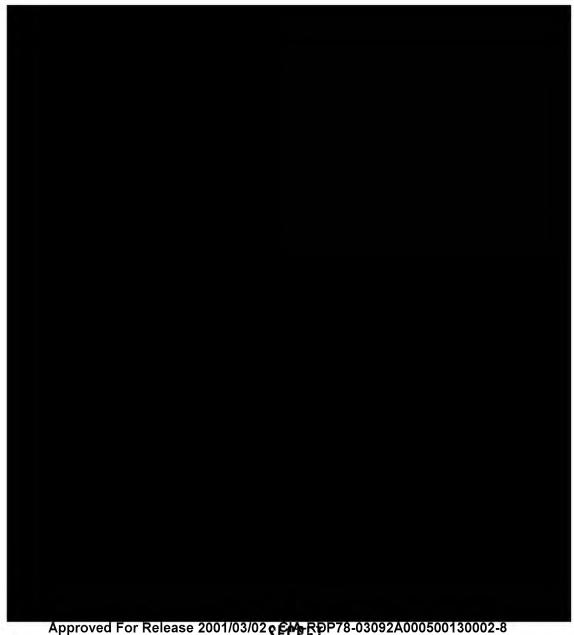
get this far in my homework. I got up to this case.

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which he never, evidently, was able to extricate himself. And it was as a result of that initial going in the hole that his wife got part-time work as She may be teaching now -- I don't know. a teacher.

25X1A9a Mike, if I may correct the record, part of the claim was the loss of his wife's salary -- she had resigned because she was getting ready to go -- and her salary for a period was part of his claim. 25X1A9a Yes, you're right. Now it comes back to But she did have to go back to teaching, and when she went back it was me. on a part-time basis. Now whether she is working full-time or part-time today,

25X1A9a I don't know.



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insurance, I would imagine.

Well, I'm willing to make the motion that we recommend to the Director of Personnel that this man be extended for one year.

I second the motion. 25X1A9a SALES STREET 25X1A9a I think that motion should be amended with appropriate caveats, that the Board feels that this should not be a continuing thing. I mean, suppose he says - "Well, look, I was unable to make it in a year -- I need another year"? 25X1A9a Well, I realize the Director keeps doing this. We are not saying we will or we won't, but there is certainly nothing to indicate that we would do it again. Are you saying we should write into it: ''No further extension will be considered"? We have done that. 25X1A9a It doesn't seem to matter -- they're coming back that way anyhow. 25X1A9a Yes. All we would be doing is beating the Director to it by putting it in our recommendation. And even that wouldn't really inhibit us, if we thought we had a good case, from saying - "Despite that fact you said that, we still recommend--Well, Joe will get the word, whether he gets it via the D/Pers-- When the Director sends it back that is what it will say. But I think there were one or two that he didn't put it on, and I don't know whether it was just an omission on his part, or he meant it--25X1A9a He didn't put it on 25X1A9a How did he get to stay on to age 62 in the first place? 25X1A9a He was one who received word in 1964 when the policy was age 62, that he would have to retire in 1969 -- and there

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was no change in his retirement date even though the policy changed to 60.

25X1A9a I suppose in general we would mention the fact that by and large it is a compassionate case, obviously. 25X1A9a Alan, did you finish your comment about the caveats? I'll withdraw it. 25X1A9a It has been moved and seconded we endorse 25X1A9a the extension of for one year. This motion was then passed . . . Next case, Harry Lee. 25X1A9a I move we extend for one year. Second. This motion was then passed . . . 25X1A9a That motion is based on hardship? Because you know, it's specifically stated in the Director's policy statement that these people were not supposed to receive special consideration by reason of the nature of their employment. 25X1A9a The policy does not spell out any special consideration for this type of --25X1A9a In fact it does the contrary -- it rejects special consideration for just this type, as I read it. The question came up and it was turned down cold. He is not being considered for extension 25X1A9a because reliable chauffeurs are hard to find, and that sort of thing. That was ruled out, as I recall. 25X1A9a But don't you think that, in context, there was consideration given to - "Let's automatically sort of exclude the GS-7's or below" -- and that was ruled out. But on a case-by-case basis, I think the

Board has leeway - of saying yea or nay.

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25X1A9a In other words, this one (case of 25X1A9a is hardship, and that is the only criterion. 25X1A9a And a hard to recruit category. Well, are we through with the cases? 25X1A9a Yes. I have two little pieces of information I would like to pass on to the Board. Maybe you all know this -- but active duty tours for training outside of the Agency -- in other words, not while you're working for the Government -- count toward your annuity. words, if a fellow has done six 2-week active duty training tours as a Reservist before he came into the Government, that is 12 more weeks-25X1A9a They take out for Social Security there, you That is under Social Security. know. By law, reservist time --25X1A9a ... (inaudible) ... Prior to the time Prior to 1957, yes. I have some statistics here which we had to get up for another reason, and there are 544 people who will be - by 1 January 1969 qualified for retirement under the CIA System. Of these, 360 are in the Clandestine Services, 147 Support, 26 Intelligence, 8 in Research, and 3 in The more interesting thing, I believe, is that the Office of the Director.

level.

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L: By when?

By this next January. One of the significant

factors, I think, is the effort being made to open it up, and this is the group, generally, that you are sort of shooting for.

of the 360 in the Clandestine Services 234 are Grades 13, 14, and 15. This

sort of confirms the high concentration of this age group at the 13, 14 and 15

I thought that might be interesting to the Board.

25X1A9a Can anyone say anything about the visit

to the Hill yesterday by Colonel White and the Admiral?

25X1A9a Yes. Bob Wattles went along, so I got sort of a first-hand report. It was the full Committee, with L. Mendell Rivers very much in charge, and most of the key members there - Bates, Porter And Admiral Taylor did the talking. Hardy --He apparently got into a little bit of trouble, or was heading toward trouble, but he quickly recognized it and turned it over to Col. White. And there were some questions -mostly friendly. One in particular, of course, was: Is there a provision for the salaries to go downward if the cost of living goes downward? we had to admit - no, that it was a one-way street -- but in today's climate that is like providing for a reversal in the law of gravity, or something. But it was brought up. There was a statement of - "I can't believe that you could get 12.2% behind" -- so we're being asked to give them the arithmetic. In other words, he didn't think there was that much difference between the annual base and the 3-month base of the two systems to get that much behind. At the appropriate time Mendell Rivers said, "If there is no further discussion, are there any objections?" And within 10 seconds after he said that, "So ordered" -- which, translated, means it's reported out to the floor. So it's out of the full Committee in the House.

25X1A9a ... Mr. joined the meeting at this point ...

John, I was just telling what happened before Mendell Rivers.

25X1A9a The Committee has approved it. That is why I'm late -- because I was working on some examples.

What is the explanation for the 12.2%

difference?

Mechanical application of the formulas in

the law.

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And is it retroactive? 25X1A9a Yes indeed! For example, one of the examples we had worked up -- which, again, I hadn't fully focussed on -- but let's take two assumed retirements with an annuity of \$6,000 on 1 July 1965 -the Civil Service man's annuity today is \$7,009.00, the CIA Retirement 25X1A annuity is \$6,276.00, as of today. This is what really bothers and other people, the figures work out to that much of an increase -- which is really 16.8%, in effect, in a three year period. 25X1A9a 16.8% - that is the total increase the Civil Service has had, but ours does drop it--12.4. 25X1A9a Any status report on plans to reorganize this Board? I haven't heard anything. I can't give you one. John, I was about to venture, without really knowing -- just based on what Bob Wattles said -- that the thought was that they would not put it back into Committee in the Senate but take it right out to the floor.

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25X1A9a They will probably not hold Committee

hearings in the sense they had the one yesterday, but will simply report it out.

You think it will pass? 25X1A9a I'm very much encouraged -- very much encouraged. By when, John? This year. Very good! Any other New Business? (No response.)

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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